

A fleet of 10 such vessels propelled by motor power, some of which have already sailed for the Florida coast and three have left for the Gulf of Mexico to engage in the snapper and grouper fishing, are the invaders.

The vessels to engage in the gulf of Florida blue fishing are:

Steamer Lois Corkum, a fine craft, but one year old; schooners Marguerite Haskins, Annie and Jennie, Mettacommet, Massasoit, Mary T. Fallon, Blanche F. Irving, Motor and Juliette. Those to prosecute the snapper and grouper fishing in the Mexican gulf are schs. William A. Morse, Hortense and Thalia, all of this port.

Last winter was the first time that the bluefishing off the Florida coast was prosecuted. This was done as an experiment and it was rather a surprise when this most delectable food fish was found in the northern markets during the winter. This led Gloucester men to make an investigation and some of them visited the scene of action and found that this valuable branch of fishing had long been overlooked. The price of this commodity ruled high during the winter and the supply is no way equalled the demand.

It was thought that bluefish could only be caught in summer season in Vineyard Sound and off the shore of Long Island and as far south as Hatteras, but this mistaken idea will have to give way to the progressive spirit of Gloucester fisherlads, who doubtless will be looked upon as a curiosity, just as a Chinese laundryman was in a New England country hamlet, where he made his advent a few years ago.

Headquarters at Fernandina.

Charles W. Powers of this city, buyer for a Fulton Market company of New York, who was down there last winter and is going again this season, believes that the Florida bluefishing is in its infancy and can be largely and profitably developed. Two large Fulton Market companies, one with five members and the other with 18, are located at Fernandina, where they have a mammoth cold storage and an ice making plant.

The mode of fishing, he says, is with dories which the vessels carry. The vessel goes about five miles off the coast, anchors, and each dory with two men go out from the craft, and drop anchor. They use four lines to a man, each with one baited hook which they keep hauling in and throwing out. The bait used is fresh menhaden, ground up and thrown overboard, the same as is done when mackerel hooking. The company that Mr. Powers represents, has prepared for the coming of the Gloucester flotilla and already have in cold storage 1,500,000 pounds of frozen menhaden. Large quantities of this menhaden bait, Mr. Powers says, is used and this product has been unusually scarce the past season. When a boat arrives, her catch of fish is boxed and shipped in refrigerator cars to New York and sold on commission. Last winter the average price was about 12 cents per pound, but he was unable to say what it would be this winter, but thought it would be firm, as rapid distribution could be made to all parts of the country, besides bluefish was a most delectable article of food.

Capt. John Nelson of sch. Reliance says he believes in a year or so if the fishing down there is a success, that great improvements can be made, instead of using double dories carrying

two men, that a single dory with one man will answer the purpose and a larger catch of fish will be the result.

He believes that Gloucester fishing methods will revolutionize the Florida bluefishing, just as the drift fishermen have gone with the old ways of Georges handline fishing.

However, the outcome of this latest Gloucester undertaking will be watched with much interest, for many believe the virgin waters of that sparsely settled section will be a fruitful field for the progressive Cape Ann fishermen and "so mote it be."

GEO. W. SCOTT.

Nov. 5.

TRIPS OF "BLUES" AT FULTON MARKET

Considering the lateness of the season the crafts were fairly successful last week, landing a total of 250,466 pounds of edible fish up to Thursday afternoon, in addition to 1555 bushels of shellfish and 470 bushels of bunkers.

There were 12 trips of bluefish, the number of fish reaching 29,470, or 119,880 pounds, if the average weight of each fish was 4 lbs. The largest catch of bluefish was 5500 and the smallest 400 fish. Only one vessel had 5000 fish or more; three had 4600 or more fish, and five 3500 or more fish. Seven crafts had less than 2200 fish. Only four vessels carried less than 700 fish. During the week a local caught craft bluefish brought 11 to 15c. per pound; large southern fish, 12c.; tallors, 9 to 10c., and snapper bluefish, 3 to 5c. On the last named the high price prevailed during the latter part of the week.

Three codfish vessels reached the market with a total of 7900 fish, or 47,400 pounds. There were two trips of 2100 fish each and one trip of 3700 fish. This variety of fish was low priced during the entire week, market cod selling at 2 1-2 to 4c. per pound and steak cod 5 to 9 1-2c. per pound. There was a marked contrast between the prices of cod this week and the preceding one.

Mackerel.—Large fish brought 33c. on Tuesday and Wednesday and 40c. on Thursday. Medium sized fish were quoted at 12 to 14c. during the early part of the week and 18 to 20c. during the latter half. Tinkers sold at \$10 to \$12 per bbl.

Steak pollock was quoted at 5c. with the exception of Thursday, when some sales were made at half a cent per lb. Haddock was plentiful and low in price. Offerings were made at 2 1-2 to 5c. per pound.

Hake sold at 4 to 5c. up to Thursday, when the price dropped to 2 1-2 to 3c.

There was no eastern halibut in the market.

Western white sold at 9 to 10c. per pound.

"MADE" ICE FOR TWO OFF-SHORES STEAM TRAWLER AT T WHARF TODAY

Capt. John Toothacker of the Loch-invar, which arrived at Portland Sunday, is still favored with good fortune in finding fish. Monday he took out 10,000 pounds, the second fare he landed at Portland in eight days. His previous trip was 15,000 pounds.

Among the fish arrivals of Monday at Portland was a considerable quantity of silver hake which were purchased by Sargent & Co. Small boat fishermen report this variety quite plentiful just now.

The boneless herring plant of Beardsley Co., of New York, opened for the season at Eastport in the old Martin factory and a large number of Eastporters have already secured employment there for the winter. This industry promises to be a boon for the working people of that town after the present disastrous sardine season and with the clam factory will be a source of livelihood for many families. With the closing of the sardine factories this month the opening of other boneless herring factories will afford employment to about 500. It is expected that the Underwood Canning Co. will again lease the Clark factory for putting up clams, as it has for several seasons past, and this industry alone will give employment to more than 200 persons.

Two of the Boston beam trawlers, the Foam and Ripple, were at Portland Saturday, having come in for a supply of ice, they each taking on 25 tons from the artificial ice plant of the Central Wharf Cold Storage Co.

FORMER LOCAL CRAFTS STRIKEN

The second Pensacola fishing vessel to encounter heavy weather during the week along the Florida peninsula was the Emella Enos, which arrived Friday afternoon. The Emella Enos reached Pensacola with a broken main gaff and a badly disarranged rigging but in spite of the fact that she encountered bad weather and was compelled to return after being out less than two weeks, she brought in a catch of 14,000 pounds of snapper and 5000 pounds of grouper.

The sch. Sheffeyld reached Pensacola several days ago from the eastward with a broken main topmast and was otherwise damaged as a result of having encountered the tropical disturbance reported during the early part of the week.

Power of Fish to Reason.

That fish possess a certain power of reason is affirmed by many who have studied them. They often learn to recognize the voice of one who feeds them. Fish will congregate in places where food is habitually thrown to them. If a morsel proves too large to be swallowed, they have been known to divide it on a sharp stone.—Harpers Weekly.

T wharf arrivals since yesterday's report comprise 10 fleet of sail, mostly the shore fleet with small fares.

Only two off-shore crafts have put in an appearance, schs. Thomas S. Gorton hailing for 40,000 pounds, and Francis J. O'Hara Jr., 55,000 pounds.

Wholesale prices were \$3.50 to \$7 a hundred pounds for haddock, \$7 to \$9 for large cod, \$4 to \$5 for market cod, \$2.50 to \$5 for hake, \$2 for pollock, \$3 for cusk and 25 cents a pound right through for halibut.

Boston Arrivals.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. James and Esther, 1900 cod, 14,000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 1200 haddock, 1700 cod, 4500 hake.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 1000 haddock, 4000 cod, 40,000 hake, 10,000 cusk, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Leonora Silveria, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Manomet, 1300 cod, 4000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 400 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, 400 haddock, 400 cod, 3500 hake, 3500 cusk.

Sch. Mary C Santos, 14,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. Thos. S. Gorton, 18,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 14,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$7 per cwt.; large cod, \$7 to \$9; market cod, \$4 to \$5; hake, \$2.50 to \$5; pollock, \$2; cusk, \$3; halibut, 25c per lb.

Salt 'Fish.

Supplies of codfish in New York are still short, says the Fishing Gazette. The rainy weather of last week retarded curing operations, and the outlook just now is not very bright. As a consequence the market is very strong, with advances noted in the case of Newfoundland, Porto Ricos and American 1913 large. Two or three weeks of good curing weather may ease the market a bit, but with the comparatively small catch of cod, to date it is probable that we are in for a season of high prices.

The total Labrador catch is estimated at 250,000 qtls., about half an average catch. The operations of the Lunenburg fleet are practically over, and the voyage is about 200,600 qtl. In 1912, the figures were 210,930 qtls., and 1911, 216,450.

To Investigate That Island.

The navy department is planning to send a survey boat to investigate the report of Capt. Anderson of Bucksport, commander of the fishing schooner Lizzie Griffin, that he had sighted a new island 15 miles east of Sable island. It is said the new land may have been created by an earthquake. The Canadian government will also make an investigation.

Will Go Gill Netting.

Str. Seven Brothers will engage in the winter gill net fishery under command of Capt. George G. Hamor now in command of sch. Eglantine.

GILL NETTERS LAND POLLOCK

Outside of the gill netting arrivals, fresh fish receipts here would have been extremely light, the only trips being from a couple of shore crafts with small fares.

The gill netting receipts yesterday were a little short of 60,000 pounds, mostly pollock. Some of the smaller boats did not lift, while a number were obliged to return to port this morning again.

The torching crafts landed 75 barrels of fresh herring, which sold for bait.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Torchers, 75 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Jeanette, shore, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 4800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Swan, gill netting, 1650 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 5500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 4400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary L., gill netting, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Julia May, gill netting, 7500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 9500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Orion, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Jorgina, shore.

Sch. Leonora Silveria, shore.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver, shore.

Sch. Aloha, via Boston.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.25 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75; snappers, \$3.50.

Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25; snappers, \$3.

Dory handline cod, \$5 for large; \$4.50 for medium.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5.00; medium, \$4.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5.00; medium, \$4.50.

Filleted halibut, 10c per lb.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Salt mackerel \$18 per bbl. for medium; \$10.25 for tinkers.

Has Changed Command.

Capt. Hugh Quinlan, formerly of sch. Moanum is fitting sch. Esperanto for the winter haddock fishery.

Big Haul of Mackerel.

Fifty thousand mackerel were taken in the nets at Portuguese Cove, N. S., Sunday.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.00 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2.00; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.35; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.40.

Cusk, large, \$2.00; medium, \$1.70; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 70c.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 and \$3 per bbl. for bait.

Fresh bluebacks, \$3 per bbl., for bait; \$1.75 to freezer.

Bank halibut, 12c per lb. for white.

Fresh small mackerel, 6c per lb.

The Newfoundland Catch.

The following fishery report to October 21st, have been posted by the Curling, N. F., Board of Trade:

District.	1913.	1912.
Ferryland	20,100	19,300
Placentia & St. M. ..	51,000	33,650
Burin	112,380	75,000
Fortune Bay	51,100	40,800
Burgeo & LaPoile ..	25,500	24,900
St. George's	2,630	5,000
St. Barbe	18,930	18,900
Twillingate	54,380	83,700
Pogo	55,000	92,300
Trinity	32,000	75,400
Bay de Verde	11,470	22,300
Carbonear	1,310	1,400
Harbor Grace	9,220	13,850
Port de Grave	3,800	2,300
Hr. Main	3,940	6,000
Straits	17,000	25,000

Lockport Fishing News.

Fishing was dull again last week, due to the stormy weather.

Following is the list of fish for last week: 39,300 lbs. mixed fresh fish; 400 lbs. halibut; 10 bbls. or 2000 lbs. salt herring; 15 bbls. or 3000 lbs. salt mackerel.

The catch for vessels: R. L. McKenzie, Capt. R. McKenzie, 10,106 lbs. mixed fresh fish. Nellie Viola, Capt. J. McKenzie, 4000 lbs. mixed fresh fish; 200 lbs. halibut. Alycone, Capt. Penny, 4487 lbs. mixed fresh fish; 138 lbs. halibut.

Nov. 6

Old Fish Dealer Dead.

John F. Duncan, a highly esteemed citizen of Clark's Harbor, N. S., died suddenly on October 19. Mr. Duncan was 72 years old, and up to a few years ago had been steadily engaged in the fishing industry. Later he was interested chiefly in the live lobster business.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Richard arrived at Canso Monday last and cleared.

Schs. Tattler and Georgiana arrived at Shelburne Monday on the way home.

Loading Fish For Portland.

The British sch. Kernwood is loading 1700 qtls. of fish at Clark's Harbor, N. S., for Portland parties.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Richard was at Canso, N. S., Monday.

BIG MACKEREL RUN AT N. S.

One of the largest consignments of fresh mackerel to reach Boston this season was received this morning on the Yarmouth steamer which brought 153 barrels of large and medium fish.

Resumption of mackerel fishing throughout the length of Nova Scotia coast is getting under way and some very fine fares have already been netted by the early fishermen, according to the Halifax Herald. The big run is scooting southward past Halifax and is coming shoreward within reach of the fishers in a greater degree than usual.

Fifty thousand in count were caught at Portuguese Cove Sunday, and for the next fortnight the industry will see its best activity for the fall season. Prices are naturally high now but will decline with the increasing production.

Foreign Salt Mackerel.

Says the Fishing Gazette:

Norway mackerel has taken another jump. From \$35 a barrel for No. 1s, the quotation last week, the price has advanced to \$40. Other grades have gone up \$1 a barrel. This fish is scarce, and under a very good consuming demand is held well up to quotations. Holders abroad are awaiting further advances before offering their stocks. Irish mackerel is neglected and the quotations remain unchanged.

The total quantity and value of mackerel landed on the Irish coasts during September was 3,485 barrels, valued at \$9,045; for the same month in 1912, 19,488 bbls. valued \$44,760.

Liverpool, Oct. 18.—Shipments this week were: To New York, 599 bbls.; to Boston, 689 bbls.; to Philadelphia, 780 bbls.; to Baltimore, 250 bbls. Total shipments to date: 1912 Irish Autumn, 28,546 bbls.; 1913 do., 1578 bbls.; 1913 Norway 1180 bbls.

Liverpool, Oct. 25.—Fishing ordinary. Shipments this week: To Boston, 350 bbls.; to all other ports, 1600 bbls. Count of shipment, 350,400 to a packed barrel.

Sea-packed mackerel landed in Norway from the North Sea, salted for import to America, for the week ended October 11, 1800 bbls., making a total to date of 36,215 bbls. against 47,526 bbls. at the same date last year.

There is no change in the quotations since the last report. There is a fair demand and supplies are moderate. Two or three good-sized catches have been made off the New England coast, but on the whole fishing has been rather light, principally because of the unfavorable weather which the fishermen have had to contend with during October.

Nothing Less Than a Luxury.

An English fishing paper says: "Mackerel has always been a food for the poorer classes." With the first grade of Norway's selling here at \$40 a barrel!—Fishing Gazette.

Buying Trawlers.

Eleven Aberdeen trawlers have recently been purchased by Continental fishing interests. Six of them went to Gothenburg, Sweden.

BRINGS COD FROM BELLEORAM N. F.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson
Here This Morning, Has
Cargo of 250,000 Pounds

Nine days from Belleoram, N. F., sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Capt. Fudge, is here this morning with a salt cod cargo, her haul being for 250,000 pounds.

The other arrival is sch. Frances J. O'Hara, Jr., down from Boston, with 35,000 pounds of mixed fresh fish which sold to George Perkins & Son to split.

Nearly all the large gill netting steamers lifted yesterday, but the smaller boats were obliged to return. Over 70,000 pounds in all were landed yesterday, nearly two-thirds being pollock.

The torchers brought in about 60 barrels of herring from last night's fishing.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Torchers, 60 bbls. fresh herring.

Str. Julia May, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Swan, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. R. J. Killick, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Orion, gill netting, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Anna T., gill netting, 3600 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary L., gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Evelyn H., gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 4700 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Belleoram N. F., 250,000 lbs. salt cod, 12 bbls. hake sounds, 5 bbls. cod tongues.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Teazer, halibuting.

Sch. Gov. Russell, Newfoundland.

Sch. Russell, haddocking.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, haddocking.

Sch. Rita A. Vitor, haddocking.

Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Adeline, haddocking.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver, haddocking.

Sch. Harriett, haddocking.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Alice, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.

Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.

Sch. Leonora Silveria, haddocking.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, haddocking.

Sch. Valerie, haddocking.

Sailed Yesterday.

Sch. Premier, haddocking.

Sch. Esperanto, haddocking.

Sch. Volant, Georges.

Br. sch. Mazie, Inkpen, Newfoundland.